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For: **IMMOBILIZING BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 21, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

Preferably, a tertiary organic base such as triethylamine, tributylamine, trimethylamine is added to the first solution to increase the rate and efficiency of the first reaction.